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EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF THE REDUCED MONITORING / MANAGEMENT PRACTICES VERIFICATION OPTION

Thank you for submittal of El Dorado County Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation's (EDCAWQMC) Reduced Monitoring/Management Practices Verification Option proposal that was last revised and submitted on 2 November 2015. To receive Executive Officer approval, the proposal must demonstrate that all conditions are met and the minimum required elements are included, as outlined in Monitoring and Reporting Program Order R5-2014-0030-R1 (Order). An evaluation to determine compliance with each condition and requirement is provided in the attached Staff memorandum.

Based on the information provided in the proposal and Staff's review memorandum (see enclosure), I conditionally approve the EDCAWQMC to use the Reduced Monitoring/Management Practices Verification Option, with final approval pending completion of sediment toxicity monitoring and submittal of the results. The MRP Order (Table 2, section III.C.2) requires toxicity monitoring during Assessment Monitoring years. Although sediment toxicity monitoring was not conducted in 2015 because pesticide use is low, toxicity monitoring is aimed to determine potential synergistic or additive effects of multiple contaminants. Monitoring for sediment toxicity at Representative site North Canyon Creek is needed to confirm that agricultural practices are a low threat to surface water quality in the subwatershed area.

Please note that continued approval will be contingent upon adequate annual reporting of specific education and outreach activities. Special Project Monitoring required for legacy pesticide management plans in Coon Hollow Creek and North Canyon Creek must continue.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Lynni Coster at (530) 224-2437 or by email at lynn.coster@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: Staff Review of EDCAWQMC Reduced Monitoring / Management Practices Verification Option Proposal

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